



STRANGE ADVENTURES ON OTHER PLANETS



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SPACE DETECTIVE



**ATTACK
of the WASP
WOMEN
SPACESHIP
of the DEAD
FLAME
WOMEN
of VULCAN**

SPACE DETECTIVE

TERROR HUNG OVER THE TINY SATELLITE OF GANYMEDE! TEENA AND AVENGER ROCKETED THROUGH SPACE TO MEET THE HORDE OF TINY CREATURES WHOSE STING MEANT CERTAIN DEATH!

"The ATTACK of the WASP WOMEN!"

THE WOMEN WHO LIVED ON THE PLANET VULCAN COULD BURST INTO FIRE AT WILL! WHEN THE MAD GENIUS OF THE BEAST-MAN TURNED THEM INTO THINGS OF EVIL, THE SPACE DETECTIVE FACED HIS ARCH-ENEMY IN A FIGHT TO THE FINISH!

"The FLAME WOMEN of VULCAN!"

DEATH WALKED THE CORRIDORS OF THE VENUS-BOUND STAR QUEEN! SKULL-MEN WITH BLAZING RAY-GUNS SEIZED THE LUXURY LINER AND TURNED IT INTO AN EERIE...

"SPACESHIP of the DEAD!"

Chapter One
**SPACE-
SHIP
of the
DEAD!**



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HERE HE IS,
TEENA! THE **BEAST
MAN!** I'M SURE OF
IT NOW!

AND IT'S
VOLA—THE
VULCAN
WOMAN!

OUT ACROSS THE STARWAYS, AVENGER,
THE FAMOUS SPACE DETECTIVE, AND
TEENA, HIS BEAUTIFUL PARTNER, FOLLOW
THE TRAIL OF THE MURDEROUS BEAST
MAN! ALL THEIR WITS AND SKILL ARE
NEEDED AS THEY BATTLE THE GRISLY
SKULL-MEN ON THE--- **SPACESHIP
OF THE DEAD!**

IN HIS STUDY IN GREAT-NEW YORK,
ROD HATHWAY, WEALTHY YOUNG PHILAN-
THROPIST, IS WITH DOT, HIS SECRETARY.

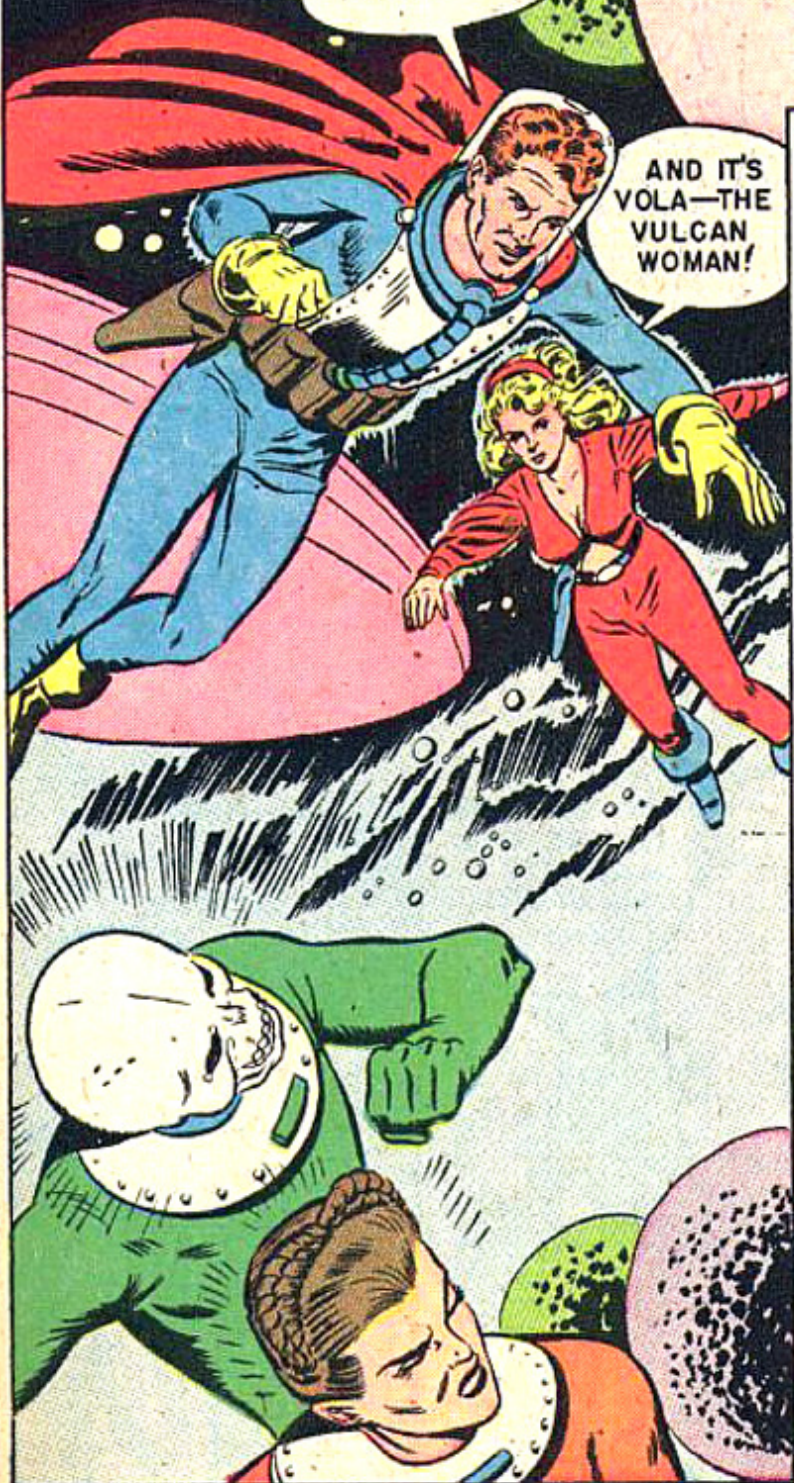
THEY'VE DECIDED THAT THE BEAST
MAN IS INSANE! THEY'VE TRANS-
FERRED HIM FROM JAIL TO AN
ASYLUM!

WELL,
MAYBE HE
IS!

FOR WEEKS, KNOWN ONLY AS THE BEAST
MAN, THIS WEIRD MURDERER HAD
ROAMED BY NIGHT, KILLING! FINALLY
HE HAD BEEN CAUGHT...

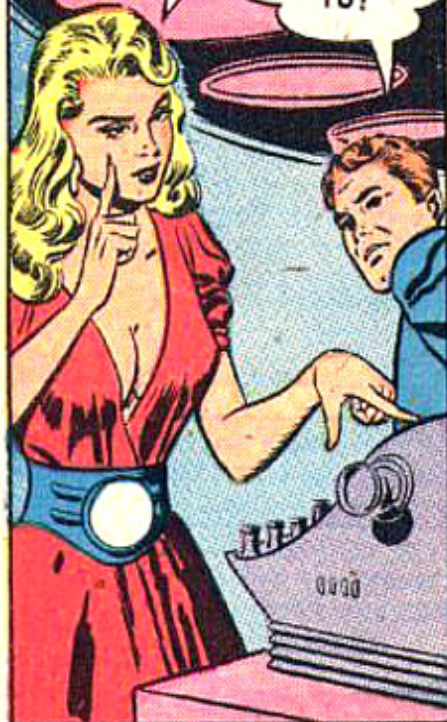
HE KILLED ONLY
BEAUTIFUL WOMEN
AND HANDSOME MEN!
AND HE HIMSELF IS
HIDEOUSLY UGLY....
ROD, SOMEHOW THAT
SEEMED SO PATHETIC!

PATHETIC?
WELL---
MAYBE!



I WAS THINKING--MAYBE IF THEY HAD THE FUNDS FOR SKILLED PSYCHIATRISTS, AND TREATED HIM -- MAYBE HIS INSANITY COULD BE CURED! ROD, LET'S GO SEE HIM!

WELL-- ALL RIGHT, IF YOU WANT TO!



AND AT THE STATE INSANE ASYLUM...

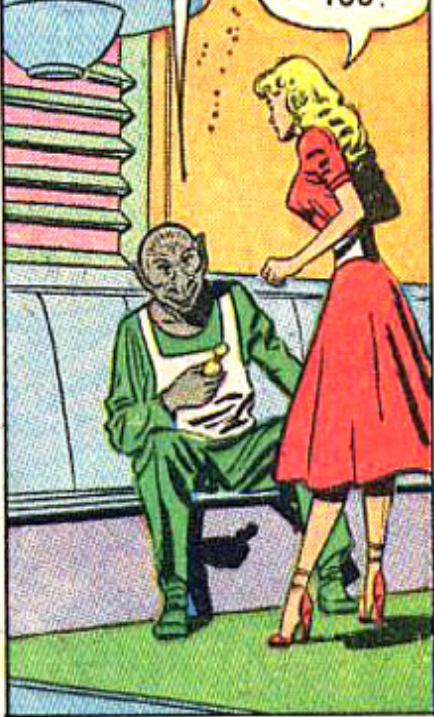
WE'RE FRIENDS! WE CAME TO SEE YOU!

THAT'S NICE! HA! HA! MY, YOU'RE A GOOD-LOOKING YOUNG COUPLE! VERY GOOD LOOKING. HA HA!



YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL! I'LL GIVE YOU A PRESENT! THE FINEST OF ALL PERFUMES FROM GANYMEDE. IT'S THE NEWEST THING -- IT'S CALLED THE DEATH PERFUME! HA! HA!

OH--ER-- THANK YOU!



PRESENTLY THEY LEFT...

COME ON, DOT!

THANKS FOR COMING! I LIKE YOU, PRETTY LADY!

---THEY THINK I'M CRAZY! I'VE GOT EVERYBODY FOOLED!



BACK IN ROD'S STUDY...

HE EVIDENTLY KEPT THAT BOTTLE CLEVERLY HIDDEN! DOT, HE'S FAKING INSANITY -- BECAUSE IT'S EASIER TO ESCAPE FROM AN ASYLUM THAN A JAIL!

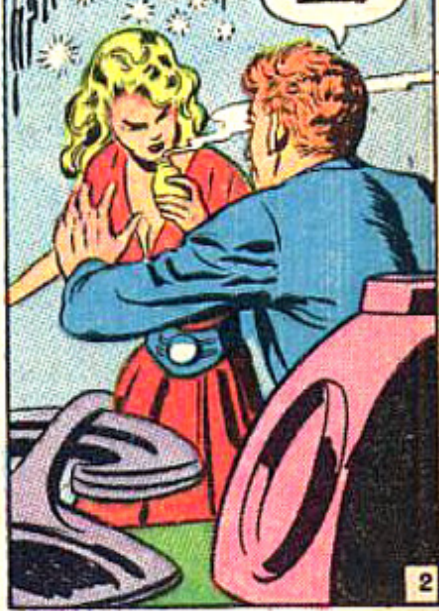
THIS PERFUME SMELLS WONDERFUL! DEATH PERFUME! WEIRD NAME! I'VE NEVER SEEN IT ON SALE!

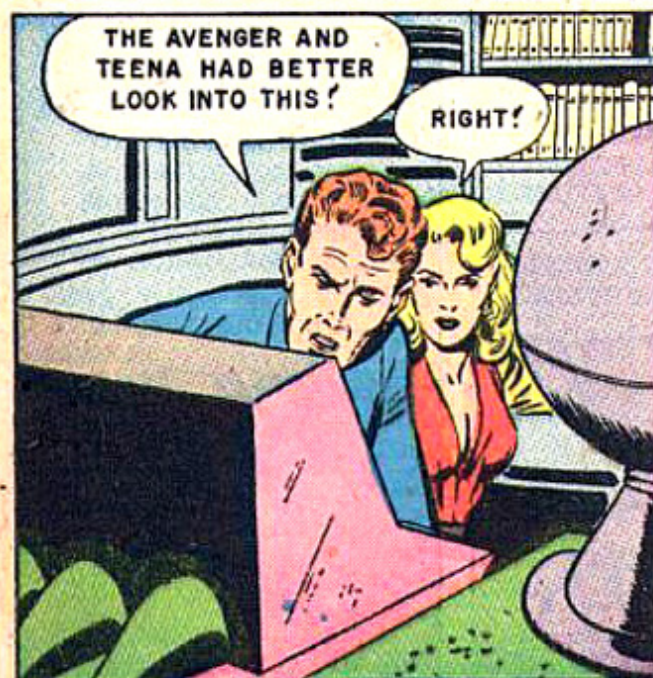
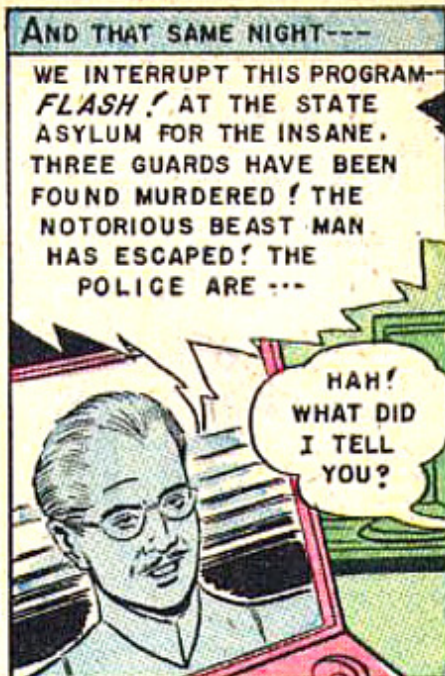
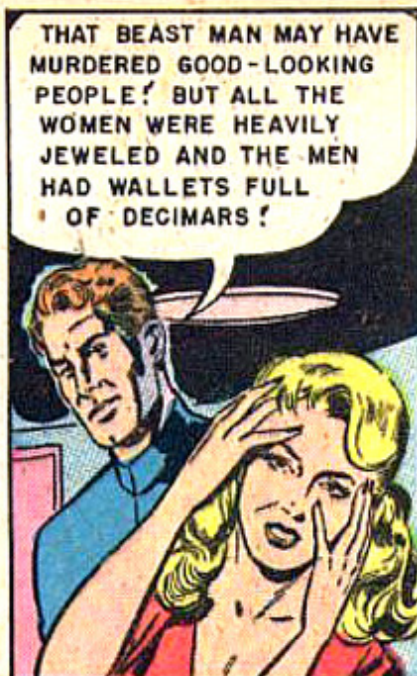


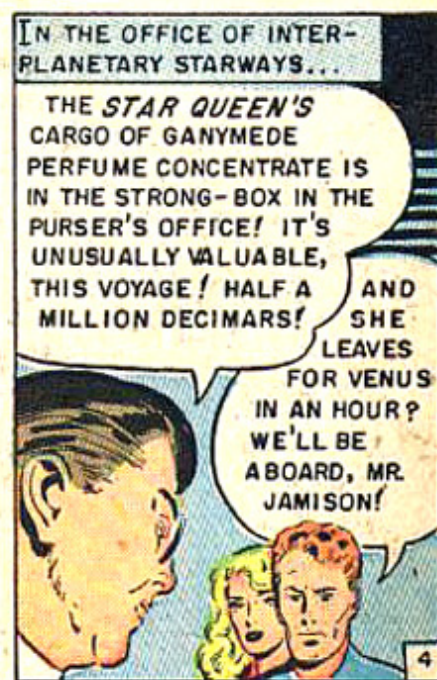
GANYMEDE -- ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS! IN THE MARKETS OF EVERY CIVILIZED PLANET, PERFUMES FROM THE LITTLE WORLD OF FLOWERS WERE THE HIGHEST PRICED!

WHY, THIS COULD BE WORTH A HUNDRED DECIMARS AN OUNCE!

DOT! PUT THAT DOWN!







PRESENTLY THE BIG SPACE LINER HURTTLES OUT ON HER WAY TO VENUS. AVENGER AND TEENA MEET SOME OF THE PASSENGERS...

I AM WILLIAM OGG--JUST A PLEASURE TRAVELER! AND THIS IS, VOLA! SHE IS FROM VULCAN! IT IS AN HONOR FOR US--MEETING THE FAMOUS AVENGER AND TEENA!

THANK YOU!

THE SKIN OF HIS FACE--- THAT HAIR, THAT MUSTACHE--SOMEHOW THEY LOOK UNNATURAL!

YOU'RE VERY PRETTY, MY DEAR! I LIKE YOUNG AND PRETTY GIRLS.

AM I? THANKS!

AND LATER...

THAT FELLOW OGG-- THE SKIN OF HIS FACE IS ARTIFICIAL! WAX-INJECTED COLODIAN! I'M SURE OF IT!

THAT VULCAN WOMAN REEKS OF GANYMEDE PERFUME! THE DEATH PERFUME--WITHOUT THE CHLOROFITE DRUG IN IT! THOSE ARE TWO WE'LL CERTAINLY HAVE TO WATCH, AVENGER!

THAT NIGHT, AS AVENGER AND TEENA PROWL THE LINER'S DIM CORRIDORS...

THERE THEY ARE-- AT THE PURSER'S STRONG-BOX!

AVENGER AND TEENA LEAP AT THE WEIRD FIGURES, AND SUDDENLY....

WILLIAM OGG!

HIS COLLAR--THAT'S AN X-RAY MECHANISM!

HA! HA!

WE'LL SMASH THAT COLIODIAN MASK, AND SEE WHAT'S UNDER IT!

OOF!

THE VULCAN WOMAN--- WHA--?

YOU LITTLE FOOL! YOU THINK YOU'RE A MATCH FOR ME?

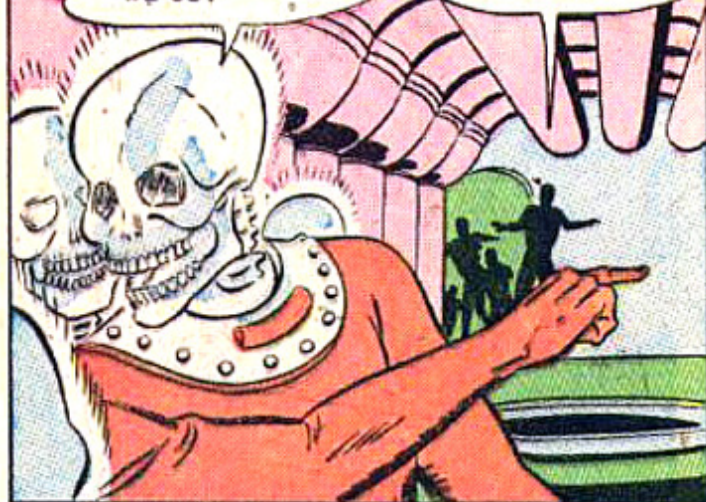
TEENA! TEENA!

COME ON, VOLA! I'LL GIVE THE SIGNAL NOW! OUR MEN WILL TAKE OVER THE SHIP!

AS OGG'S SIGNAL-WHISTLE RINGS OUT OVER THE SHIP---DOWN AMONG THE CREW...

OGG'S SIGNAL! THE TIME HAS COME! HERE WE GO!

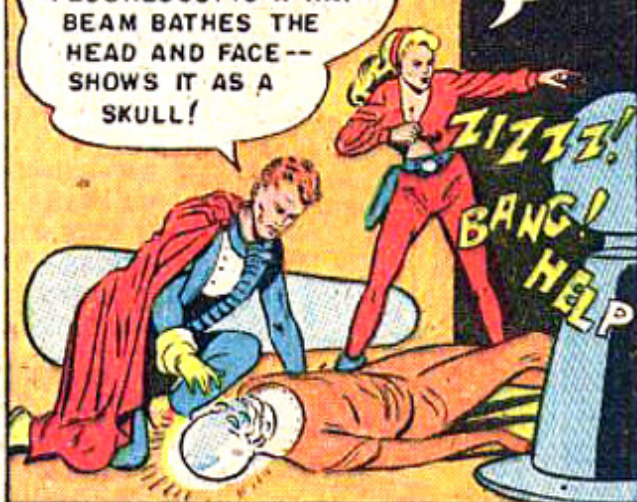
PIRATES! AIEEE! HELP!



AND AT THAT INSTANT, AVENGER AND TEENA

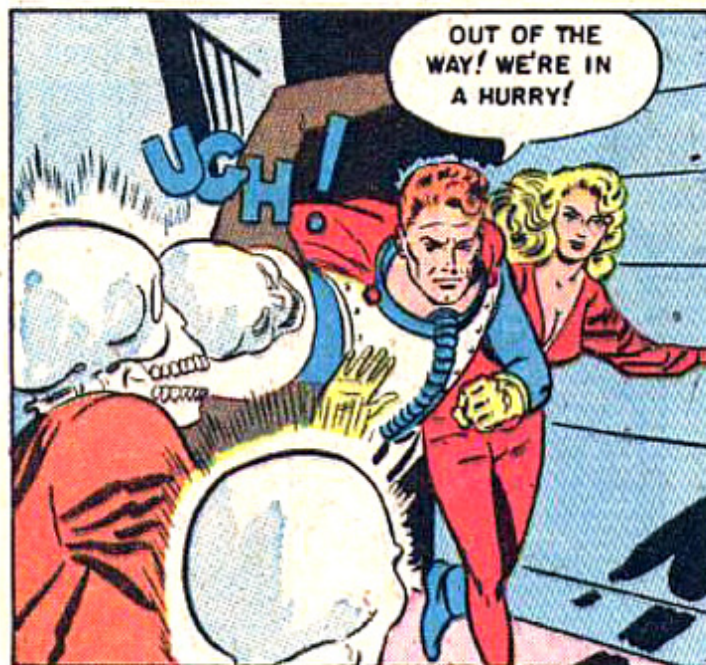
THOSE COLLARS THEY WEAR HOLD AN X-RAY MECHANISM! THE FLUORESCOPIC X-RAY BEAM BATHES THE HEAD AND FACE-- SHOWS IT AS A SKULL!

AVENGER, LISTEN! COME ON!



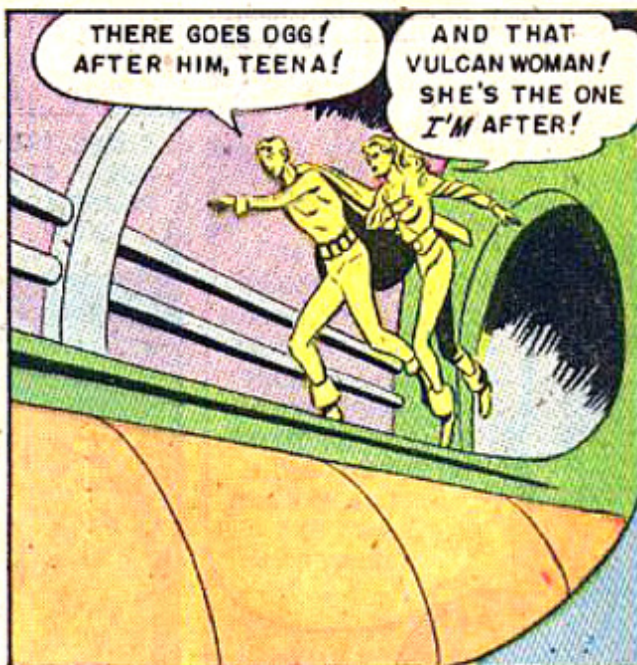
OUT OF THE WAY! WE'RE IN A HURRY!

UCH!



THERE GOES OGG! AFTER HIM, TEENA!

AND THAT VULCAN WOMAN! SHE'S THE ONE I'M AFTER!



I GUESS I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT'S UNDER THAT WAXEN FACE OF YOURS, OGG!

NOW, YOU BIG SHE-DEVIL!



THAT OUGHT TO DO IT!

OOF!!



THE BEAST MAN!

NOT SO CRAZY AS YOU THOUGHT! HA! HA!



THEN THE AVENGER IS HORRIFIED AS HE SEES...

YOU LITTLE FOOL--*THIS* TIME I'LL FINISH YOU!

ULP!

AND AS AVENGER LEAPS TO SAVE TEENA...

THE CAPTAIN HAS ARMED THE CREW! THEY'RE FIGHTING BACK! COME ON, VOLA! GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS!

CRACK
BANG!

ALL RIGHT NOW, TEENA?

G-GUESS SO!
UGH! HER FINGERS ARE LIKE STEEL CLAWS!

THE BEAST MAN AND VOLA HAVE RUSHED FOR AN EXIT PORT! AND NOW, SUDDENLY...

WE'RE TOO LATE! THERE THEY GO!

OHHH!

SILENT DRAMA, OUT THERE IN THE VOID OF SPACE...

LOOK, THEIR BANDIT VESSEL!

AND AS THE SWIFT BANDIT SPACE-SHIP HURTTLES AWAY...

WELL, AT LEAST WE SAVED THE GANYMEDE PERFUMES, TEENA! AND WE'LL TRACK DOWN THE BEAST MAN, SOME DAY!

THAT SHE-DEVIL VULCAN WOMAN-- I'LL GET HER IF WE HAVE TO COMB THE STARWAYS!

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Chapter Two

ATTACK of the WASP WOMEN



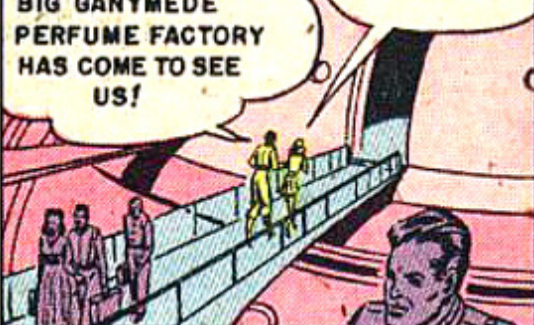
MILLIONS OF MILES OUT ACROSS SPACE, AVENGER AND TEENA RELENTLESSLY PURSUE THEIR ARCH-ENEMY, THE BEAST-MAN! UNTIL AT LAST ON THE SATELLITE GANYMEDE, IN THE FORESTS OF GIANT FLOWERS, THEY BATTLE DESPERATELY TO SAVE THE ELFIN PERFUME-GATHERERS FROM THE DEADLY----

ATTACK OF THE WASP WOMEN!

A YEAR HAS PASSED! AVENGER AND TEENA HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MEET THE SPACE LINER LANDING IN GREAT-NEW YORK TONIGHT FROM GANYMEDE, THE LITTLE WORLD OF FLOWERS...

ONE OF THE GIRL WORKERS AT THE BIG GANYMEDE PERFUME FACTORY HAS COME TO SEE US!

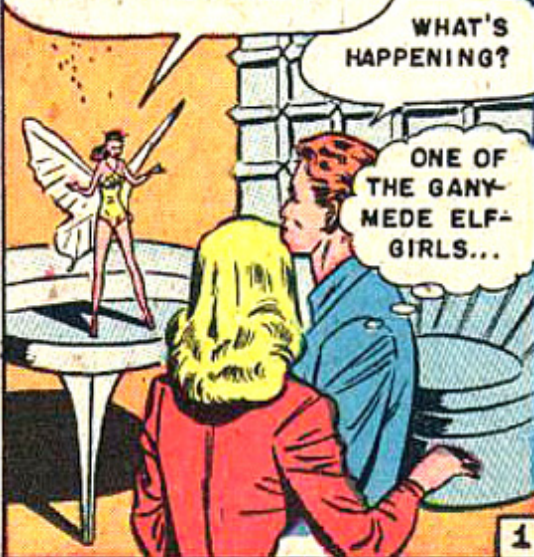
ABOUT WHAT, I WONDER?



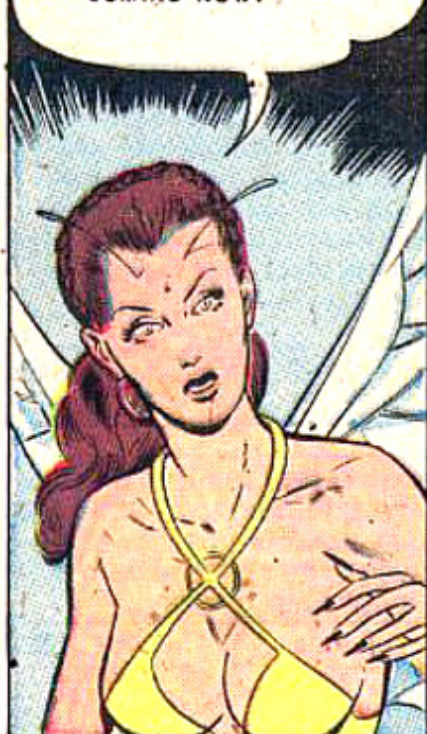
MY NAME IS FAY! I WORK IN THE FLOWER FORESTS -- GATHERING THE PERFUME ESSENCES! TERRIBLE THINGS ARE GOING ON... ALL THE GIRLS ARE FRIGHTENED! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

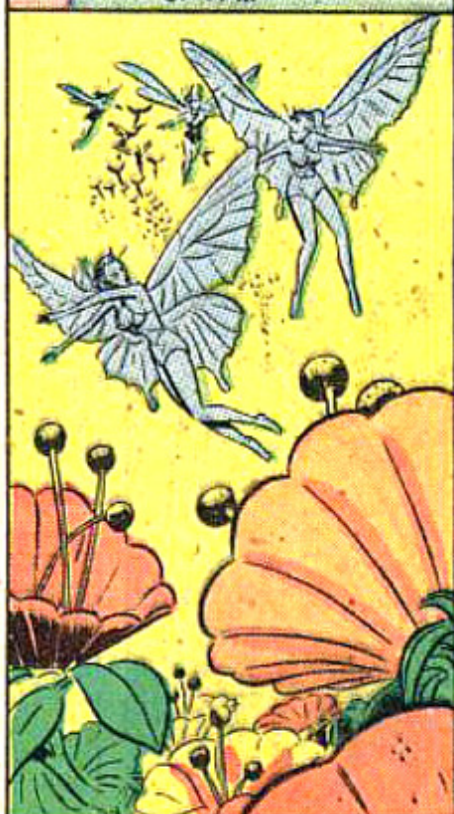
ONE OF THE GANYMEDE ELF-GIRLS...



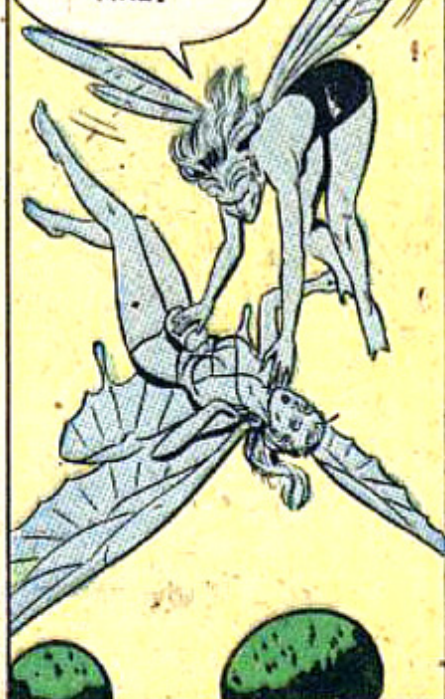
MAYBE YOU KNOW ABOUT THE HORRIBLE GANYMEDE WASP WOMEN! THEY LIVE IN CAVES LIKE HUMAN INSECTS! AFRAID OF LIGHT, THEY HAVE ALMOST NEVER DARED COME OUT! BUT THEY ARE COMING NOW!



"WE ESSENCE GATHERERS ARE BEING ATTACKED! I'VE SEEN SOME OF IT..."



GIVE ME THAT ESSENCE-VIAL!



I'VE HEARD OF THOSE WASP WOMEN! THEIR FINGERTIPS STAB WITH DEADLY POISON!

MANY OF OUR GIRLS HAVE DIED OF THE POISON! WE ARE AFRAID TO GO ON WITH OUR WORK! WON'T YOU COME BACK TO GANYMEDE WITH ME? OH-- PLEASE--

WE WILL!



THE SMALL, SWIFT PRIVATE SPACESHIP OF AVENGER PLUNGES OUT INTO THE STARWAYS!...

THE WASP WOMEN ARE HALF-LUNATIC CREATURES! HOW WOULD THEY GET THE COURAGE NOW TO COME OUT AND STEAL YOUR FLOWER-ESSENCES?

SOME SAY THEY ARE LED BY A GIANT QUEEN-WASP! A WINGLESS WOMAN-CREATURE!



"I HAVE NOT SEEN HER, BUT..."

THERE THEY ARE! STAB THEM! KILL THEM!



THEY LAND ON GANYMEDE, ONE OF THE TINY MOONS OF JUPITER! AND AS THEY APPROACH THE FACTORY BUILDINGS OF THE BIG PERFUME INDUSTRY...

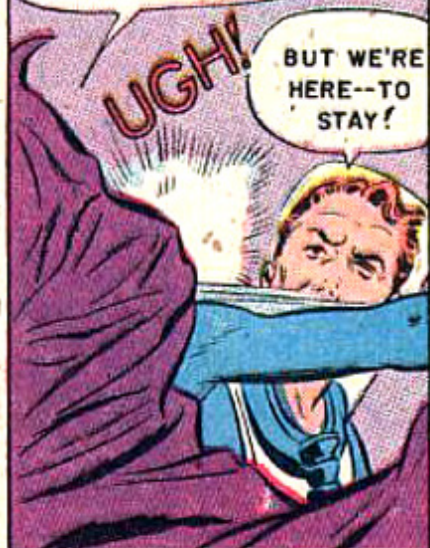


I'M BEGINNING TO GET IDEAS ON THIS THING, TEENA!

SO AM I!

LOOK THERE!

IT'S AVENGER AND TEENA! DON'T WANT THEM HERE!



UGH!

BUT WE'RE HERE--TO STAY!

THERE GOES THE OTHER ONE! SHALL I FOLLOW HIM?



LET HIM GO...TEENA, THIS FELLOW IS WEARING ONE OF THOSE X-RAY COLLARS! REMEMBER THEM?

I SURE DO! ONE OF THE BEAST-MAN'S BANDITS!

AND AT THE PERFUME FACTORY...



VERY GLAD FAY COULD BRING YOU! I AM FALLON, DIRECTOR OF THE FACTORY HERE! WE HAD A BAD TIME LAST NIGHT!

TELL US!

*THE FACTORY WAS ATTACKED! OUR STOCK OF PERFUME-CONCENTRATE WAS STOLEN! THE WASP WOMEN--THEY'RE LED BY A WEIRD MAN-MONSTER! I SAW HIM!"



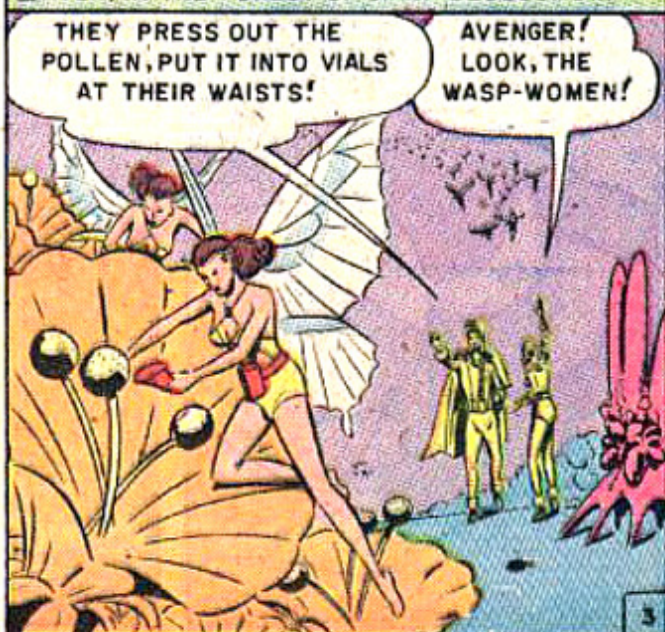
HA-- HA!

NO MYSTERY ABOUT THIS, TEENA! IT ALL HOOKS TOGETHER!



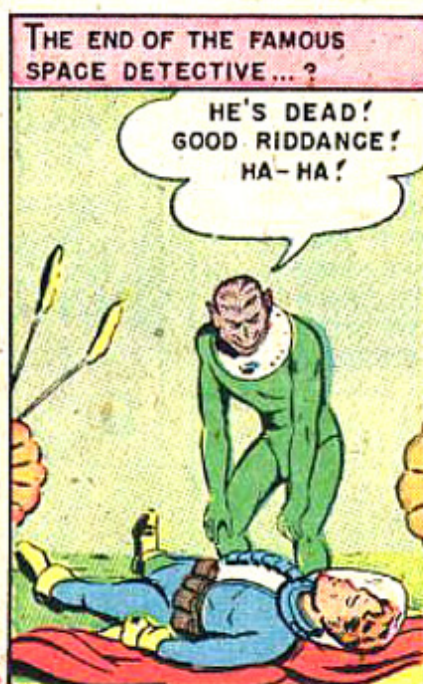
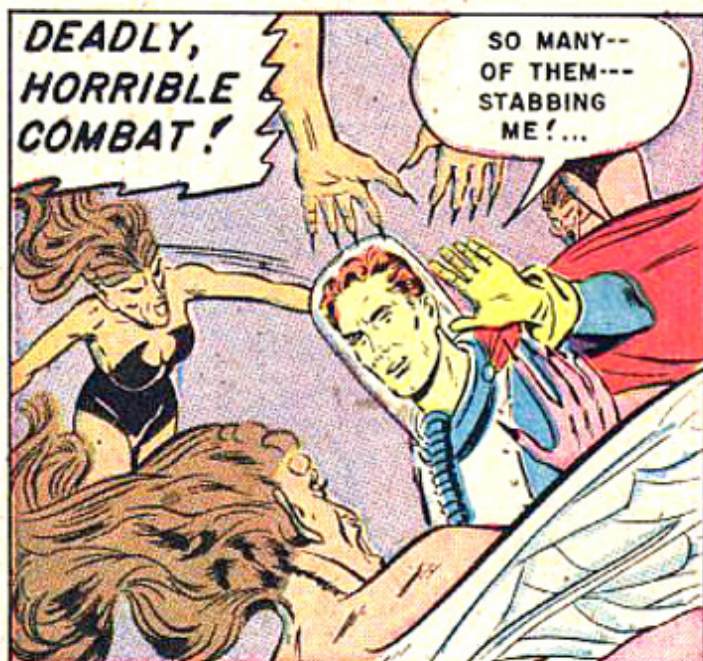
THE BEAST MAN AND THAT VULCAN WOMAN ARE AT THE BOTTOM OF IT! AVENGER, IF WE GO INTO THE FOREST WITH THESE PERFUME-GATHERERS--?

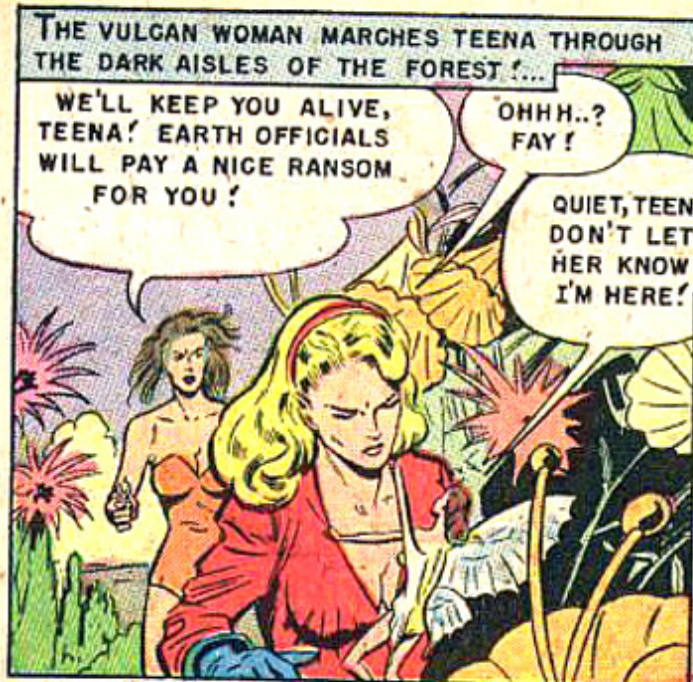
LATER, IN THE FOREST OF GIANT BLOSSOMS...

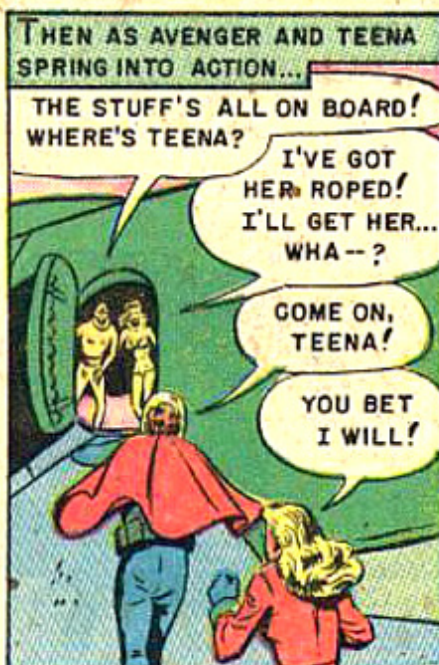


THEY PRESS OUT THE POLLEN, PUT IT INTO VIALS AT THEIR WAISTS!

AVENGER! LOOK, THE WASP-WOMEN!







SPACE-THIEF!

The great space ship quivered as the jets blasted, then she gently lifted herself into the air. Four minutes later the craft had entered outer space, and Earth was a small round ball that rapidly diminished in size. The new deck-hand peered at the small planet through a port hole. He did not hear the third mate approaching.

"Hey, you!" the third mate called. "What's your name?"

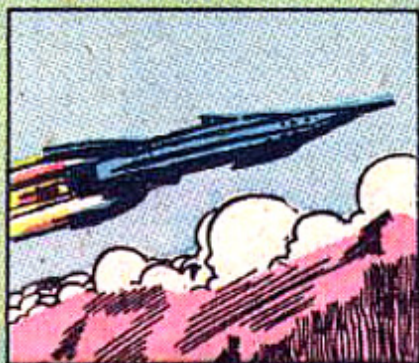
"Rand ... Ian Rand." He met the officer's hostile stare for a moment, and then he realized what the mate was waiting for. He smiled and said, "Sir." Then he turned and went swiftly up the stairway to the middle deck.

He wasn't used to manual work, but he found that his duties were simple and easily handled. He mopped the decks, he polished metalwork, he dusted furniture. On the third morning out he was dusting furniture in the passenger's lounge when someone turned on the video set. Reception was never too good in outer space. But the picture came from a channel which originated at Mars. Wavy and indistinct at first, the lines snapped into place and they could see the announcer, a Martian with three heads. One of the heads was speaking. "And from New York, on Earth, comes a story this week of a young executive of the Interplanetary Space Lines who has mysteriously disappeared. Paul Benton is nowhere to be found and auditors have discovered that the

ships under his jurisdiction have shown a loss instead of a profit for the last six months!"

The new deckhand hurried out of the salon to get more furniture polish. Inside, a woman turned to her companion. "Why, this ship belongs to Interplanetary Space Lines!" she said. The man next to her laughed.

"Well," he said, "I hope they don't expect to get the money they lost from us. As far as I'm concerned fares are too high already!"



That night a man opened the door of the third mate's quarters with a pass key and quietly let himself in. It was the new deck hand. On the first two nights of the voyage he had similarly entered the quarters of the Captain and the first and second mates. He walked over to the desk which stood in a corner of the room and took two large ledgers from it. Then he switched on the reading lamp and proceeded to check the officer's books with a proficiency amazing in one whose job it was to mop decks and polish metal.

Two hours passed. Then the sailor closed the books with a satisfied grunt. His eyes gleamed.

"I knew it had to be on this ship!" he muttered. Then he froze, for the sound of someone walking up the corridor had come to his ears. He

snapped off the lamp and hid himself behind one of the overstuffed chairs.

The third mate opened the door and came into the room. He switched on the light and took his coat off. Then his eyes widened at the sight of the ledgers, which were not in their usual place. He started toward them, but before he could pick them up the sailor had stepped into the light. In his hand he held an atomic blaster, which he pointed at the mate. Wordlessly the two men stared at each other. Then the mate spoke.

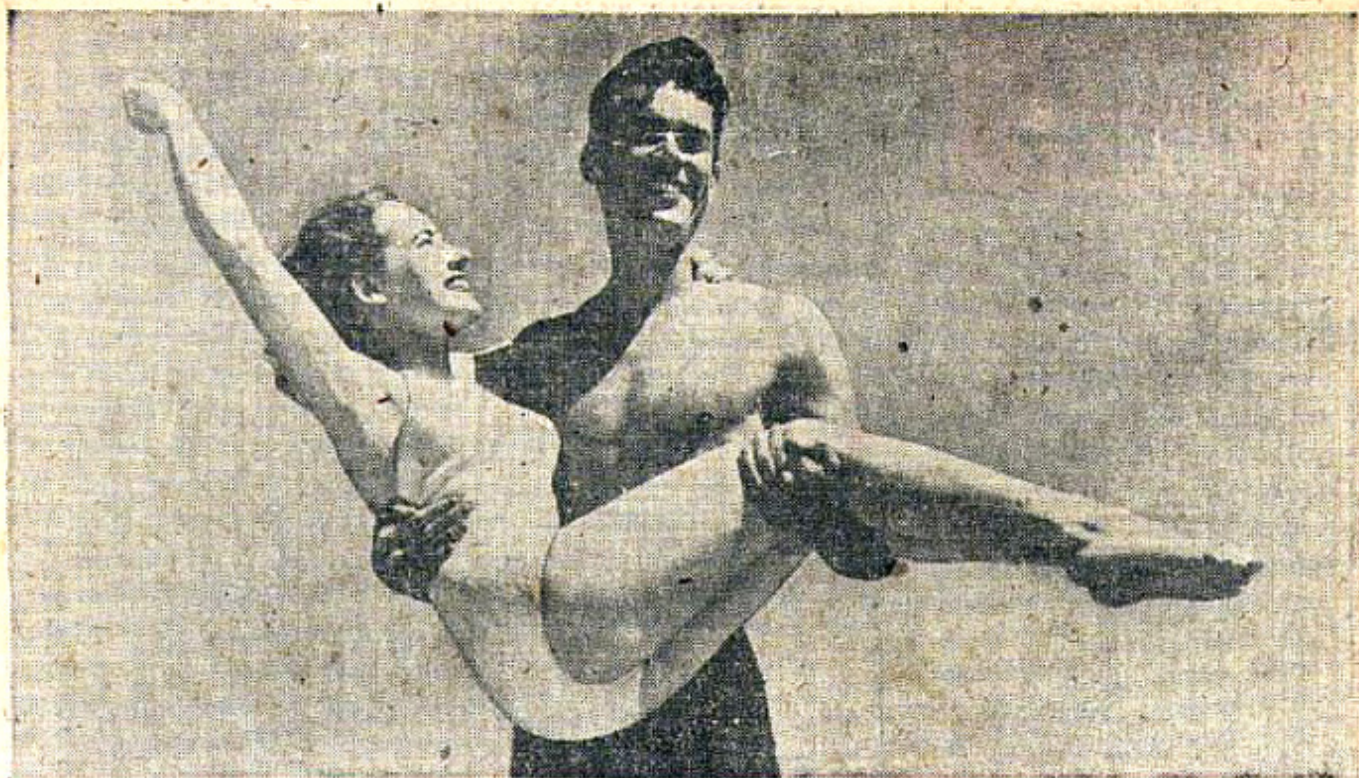
"You a cop?" he asked hoarsely. "Interplanetary patrol?"

The other merely smiled.

"You cops don't make much money," the mate said. "Listen. Listen, I'll cut you in for half of everything I make on this racket. You'll make a fortune. A fortune!"

The sailor reached for the ship's phone on the wall. He took it off the hook and spoke crisply into it.

"Get me the skipper." He waited a moment and then spoke again. "Hello, Captain? Send an armed guard to the third mate's cabin. And you come along with it!" He waited for the amazed and indignant inquiries to end. When the squawking had stopped coming out of the phone he grinned and said, "You'll get your explanations later. Right now I want you to telewave the New York office of Interplanetary Space Lines. Tell them Paul Benton will be back on the next Earth-bound flight. And tell them to send those auditors away, because Benton discovered where all the profits were going!"



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WELCOME HOME

We had been away from the Earth for seventeen years, and now we were returning at last! We could hardly believe it. It seemed that we explorers who comprised the Mellon Expedition had rocketed off the surface of our home planet during another lifetime. Three of us had died and would never come home. And two of us had taken wives on other planets and had renounced all ties on earth. But Jackson, Rollins and I were coming back with twenty-three notebooks full of data about space travel, and a hunger to walk down Broadway once more and see the bustle and confusion of Times Square!

The three of us were too emotionally overcome to speak as we applied reverse rockets over LaGuardia and the little ship gallantly drifted down to land on the field from whence it had risen seventeen years before.

Rollins was the first to break silence. "There doesn't seem to be anyone here!" he said. He turned a worried glance in my direction. "You don't suppose that something's happened while we were out in space, do you, Jeff? After all, in seventeen years...."

I felt a little queer myself—there wasn't a living thing in sight, and we had expected to see LaGuardia all bustle and stir—but I laughed. "Heck, Jack, maybe they've moved the

scheduled flights off this field or something. Don't worry, we'll land, hop into a cab, and in half an hour the mayor of New York will be handing us the keys to the city and saying, 'Welcome Home!'"

But when the ship was grounded and we had climbed down to the field we became even more frightened. A silence as still as that of outer space hung over the great field, and not a person could be seen.

Ed Jackson grimaced. "I don't like this," he said. "They were just beginning to monkey around with atomic warfare when we left. Perhaps they've wiped out the whole human race!"



I felt it was up to me to reassure them. "Nonsense," I laughed again, although I felt far from confident. "Follow me." I walked into one of the old administration buildings. Everything was rotting and mildewed-looking. But I found what I was looking for. The telephone booth was there, and we all had U.S. coins which we had carried in our pockets as souvenirs. We exclaimed over the fact that the toll charge had gone up a nickel, then I dropped the dime into slot and listened to the buzz. It sure sounded good. I called

the old city hall number and there was a click, then:

"Hello?"

I swallowed hard. "This is Jeff Perkins, of the Mellon Interspace Expedition. Jack Rollins, Ed Jackson and I are back after seventeen years of life in outer space. I...."

But before I could go on the astounded clerk had summoned the mayor and I found myself explaining things to him. He sounded as excited as the first man had been.

"Where are you now?" His Honor said. I told him LaGuardia, and I heard him issue orders to have a car sent to pick us up. "You'll find a lot of changes," the mayor was saying. "A lot of changes. We hope you won't be shocked at the things you see. Been a lot of improvements since you went away."

But before we could say much more the car arrived, and I got my first shock. It was a driverless car, evidently operated by remote control. We three got in, and fifteen minutes later we were in front of city hall.

There was a brass band playing, and a crowd of people were there to meet us. "Holy God," Ed breathed, and Jack Rollins started to pray silently, his mouth working and his eyes filled with tears.

The mayor came down a long stairway to greet us. "WELCOME HOME!" he shouted. I put my arms around the shoulders of my three friends and we stood there watching him make his way through the mob of monsters, his sixteen legs writhing over the ground. In each of his three hands he held a golden key to the city of New York.



ROD HATHWAY

Chapter Three

FLAME WOMEN of VULCAN

GET AWAY FROM
ME, YOU
MONSTERS!

TWISTING, TRICKY TRAIL! TANGLED CLUES
TO BE UNRAVELED! BUT RELENTLESSLY THE
SPACE DETECTIVE AND TEENA PURSUE
THEIR QUEST, UNTIL AT LAST ON THE
LITTLE FIRE PLANET, THEY COME TO GRIPS
WITH THE BEAST MAN AND HIS MURDEROUS,
GRUESOME ALLIES ---

THE FLAME WOMEN OF VULCAN!

A YEAR HAS PASSED! THE TRAIL OF THE
BEAST MAN IS LOST! THEN, IN GREAT NEW
YORK ONE EVENING-- PERHAPS BY A
KINDLY FATE WHICH SO OFTEN BRINGS
JUSTICE TO THE GUILTY...

THAT'S INTERESTING!
SOMETHING LIKE THAT
'FIRE-DANCE' I USED
TO PERFORM! REMEMBER,
AVENGER?

NO, THIS
IS DIFFERENT!
THESE ARE
LIGHT-FIRE
EFFECTS! YELLOW
FLAMES OF LIGHT--
THEY LOOK HOT,
BUT THEY'RE NOT!

HA-HA!
I'VE TRAPPED
YOU AT LAST,
AVENGER,
BURN! BURN!

NOT
UNTIL I'VE
KILLED YOU,
BEAST MAN!

THEN SUDDENLY, FROM WITHIN THE SHOP...

THIS SEEMS TO BE
SOME SORT OF
PHOSPHORITE MAKEUP
PASTE! YOU GLOW
WITH LIGHT-FIRE, AND
YOU GO DARK AT WILL!

LIKE A
FIREFLY!
LISTEN?!
AVENGER,
WHAT'S
THAT?

HAZE YOUR
FRIENDS
DANCE
IN
FLAMES
YOU CANNOT
BE BURNED

HELP
AAAAIEEE!

WHILE INSIDE THE MAGIC SHOP ---

WE WANT TO BUY
SOME OF THAT
FIRE MAKEUP!

YES, OF COURSE!
BUT--YOU HIDE YOUR
FACES! MY CUSTOMERS
MUST SIGN MY REGISTRY
BEFORE BUYING! YOU SEE--
I MUST GUARD AGAINST
MY GOODS BEING PUT
TO CRIMINAL USE!

SO? THEN -- WE
TAKE WHAT WE
WANT!

SHUT HIM UP!
DON'T LET HIM
SCREAM!

COME ON!
I'VE GOT THE
STUFF!

HEY! WHAT'S
GOING ON IN
THERE?

THEY MURDERED
THE PROPRIETOR!

THERE THEY
GO!

THEY---WANTED MY FIRE
MAKEUP!--STOLE SOME OF
IT---THEY WERE---A MAN
AND A WOMAN---
I TOLD THEM---

HE'S
DEAD!

WHAT DESPERATE NEED
COULD THEY HAVE FOR THAT
FIRE MAKEUP? SO DESPERATE
THAT THEY WOULD KILL TO
GET IT?

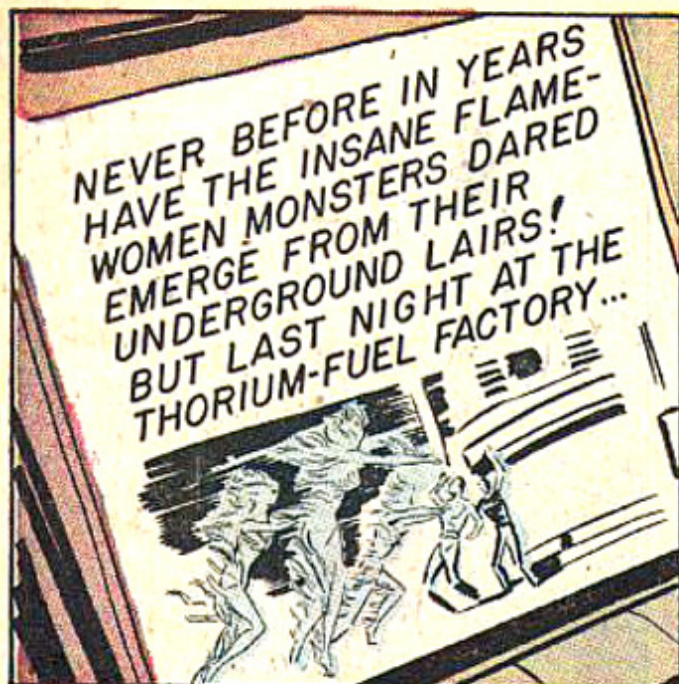
A MAN...AND A
WOMAN! AND THAT
WOMAN REEKED
OF GANYMEDE
PERFUME!
THAT VULCAN
SHE-DEVIL
ALWAYS WORE
GANYMEDE
PERFUME,
REMEMBER?

BUT WEEKS PASS, AND THE
INCIDENT IN THE MAGIC SHOP
SEEMS TO LEAD TO NOTHING...
AND THEN ONE EVENING...

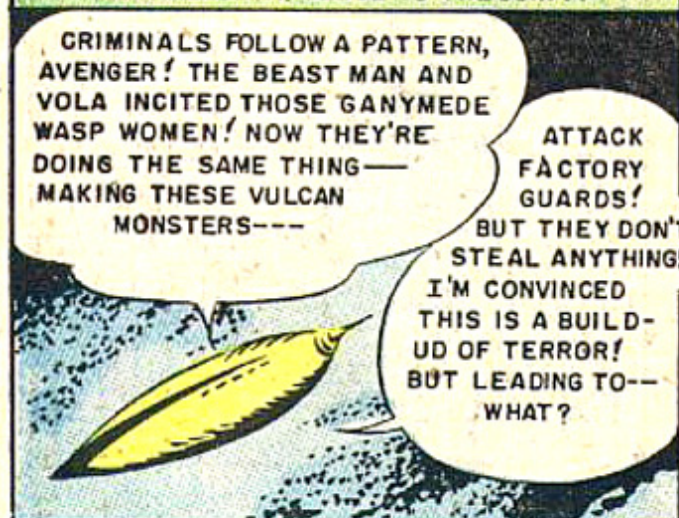
NO SIGN OF
ANY ACTIVITY
FROM THE BEAST
MAN! BUT HE
MUST BE UP
TO SOMETHING,
AVENGER!

WE'LL
RECOGNIZE
IT WHEN IT
COMES,
TEENA!
I'M
CONVINCED
OF THAT...
WHA--?
TEENA,
LOOK!

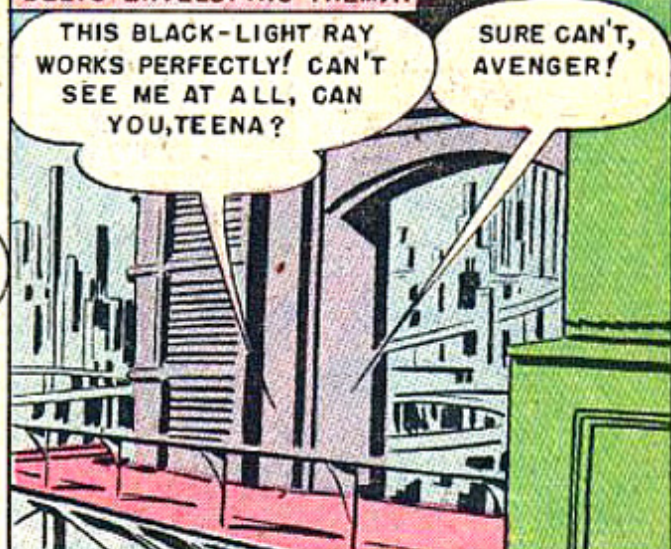
WOMEN NOW
ROAMING VULCAN
CAPITOL CITY



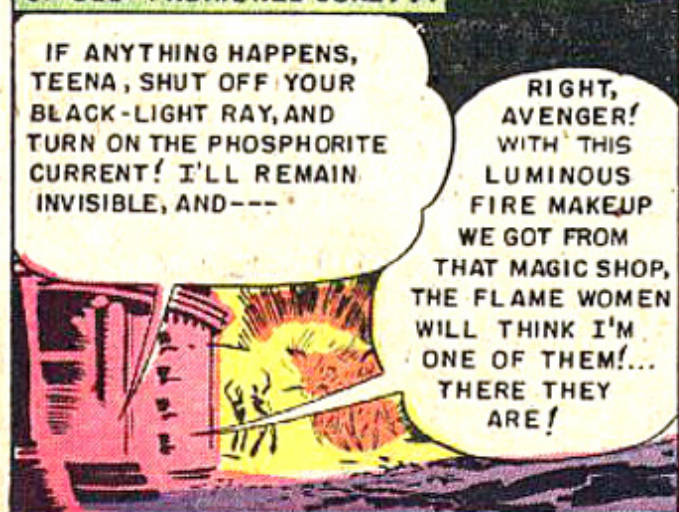
THE SPACE DETECTIVE AND TEENA HURTLE OUT ACROSS THE STARWAYS! THEY NEAR THEIR DESTINATION—LITTLE VULCAN, INSIDE THE ORBIT OF MERCURY, CLOSE TO THE SUN...



THEY DECIDE TO LAND SECRETLY! AND PRESENTLY, WITH A BLACK-LIGHT RAY FROM THEIR BELTS ENVELOPING THEM...

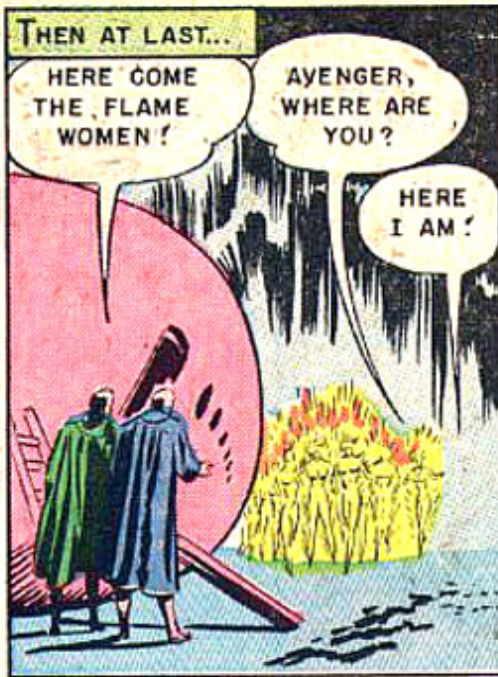


IN EVERY CIVILIZED WORLD, VULCAN'S THORIUM INGOTS ARE USED AS FUEL! AN AMAZING FUEL! A TINY GRAIN OF IT, WHEN IGNITED, YIELDS HEAT UNITS GREATER THAN A TON OF OLD-FASHIONED COAL...





...THEY SEEM
TO BE HEADING
UP INTO THE
HILLS...



THEN AT LAST...

HERE COME
THE FLAME
WOMEN!

AVENGER,
WHERE ARE
YOU?

HERE
I AM!



HERE ARE YOUR CLOTHES
AND WEAPONS, TEENA!
THAT'S THE BANDITS
GETAWAY SHIP HIDDEN
HERE! JUST A FEW
GUARDS! NOW'S OUR
CHANCE TO GRAB
IT!

RIGHT!



AND A MOMENT LATER...

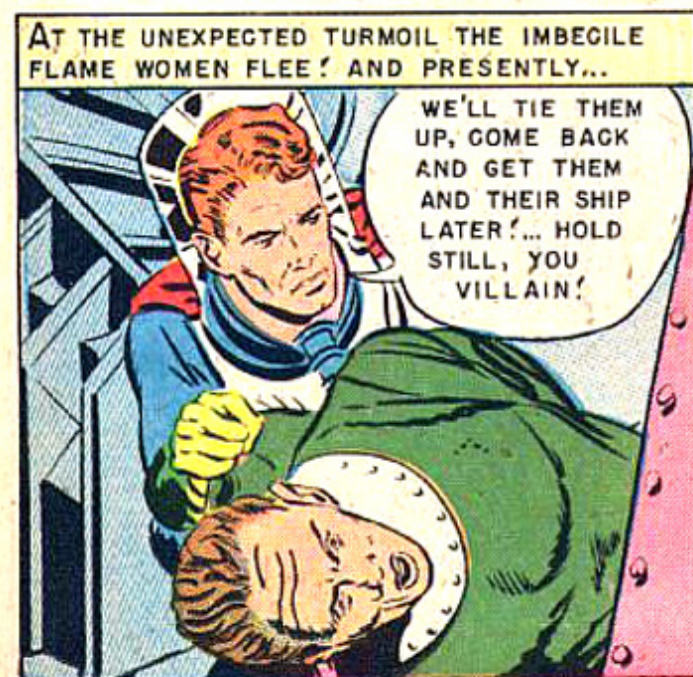
EEEEEE AAAAAA!

IT'S AVENGER
AND TEENA!



UGH!

HELP!



AT THE UNEXPECTED TURMOIL THE IMBECILE
FLAME WOMEN FLEE! AND PRESENTLY...

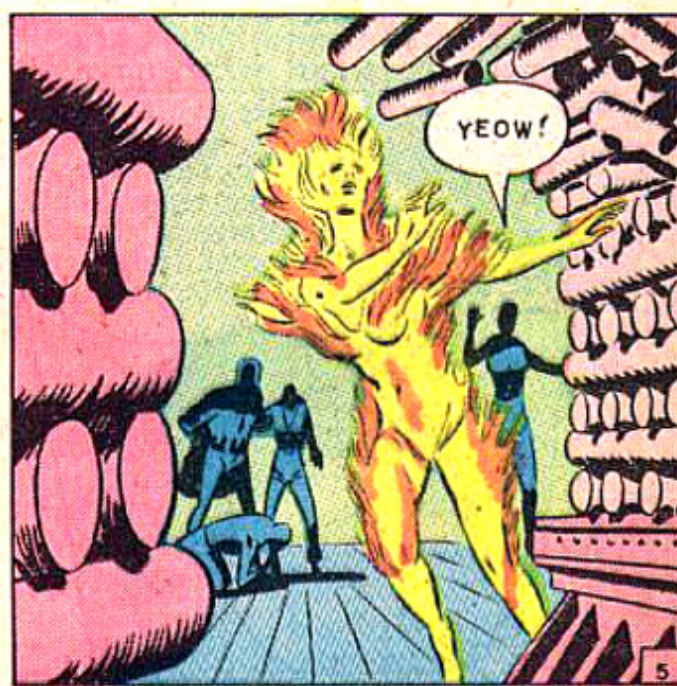
WE'LL TIE THEM
UP, COME BACK
AND GET THEM
AND THEIR SHIP
LATER!... HOLD
STILL, YOU
VILLAIN!



AND ON THE BANDIT SHIP...

THAT LOOT OF PERFUME-
CONCENTRATE---A MILLION
DECIMARS OF IT-- THE
GANYMEDE TREASURE
THEY GOT AWAY WITH--
IT'S ALL HERE, TEENA!
I'LL SMASH THE SHIP
CONTROLS -- JUST IN
CASE!

HEY! THIS
FELLOW'S
COMING TO
HIS SENSES!



IN A SECOND, WITH THE SPEED OF BURNING GUNPOWDER, THE SUPER-HOT THORIUM FLAMES ARE SPREADING EVERYWHERE!



TEENA!
TEENA! GOT TO
GET OUT OF
HERE!

IF WE
CAN--?!



VOLA--?!

AAAIEEE!
HELP!



GHASTLY,
FIERY
CHAOS!

IF WE CAN
GET TO THAT
DOORWAY...?

AVENGER,
HELP!



MADE IT!
WE'RE OUT,
TEENA!

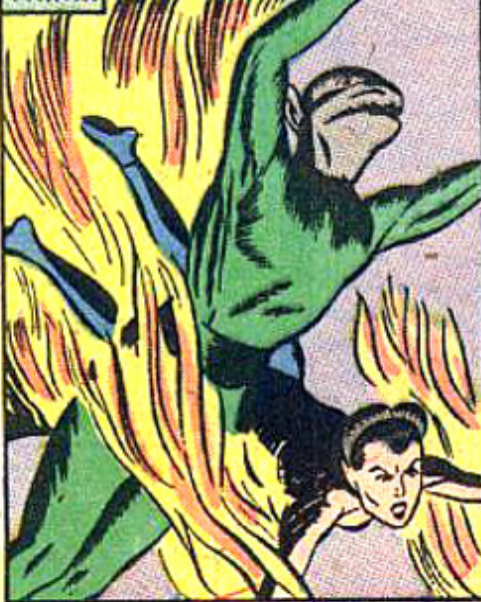
THEN A MOMENT LATER...

LOOK, THERE
THEY ARE!

THE
BEAST
MAN AND
VOLA!



FUNERAL PYRE FOR AN UNHOLY
PAIR...



AND LATER, AT VULCAN'S POLICE
HEADQUARTERS...

YOU'LL FIND THE
BANDIT SHIP UP THERE,
INSPECTOR! YOU CAN
RETURN ITS STOLEN
LOOT TO GANYMEDE!

WE
ROPED UP
THE BANDIT
GUARDS-ABOUT
SIX OF THEM...
YOU CAN TOSS
THEM INTO JAIL!

THAT WILL
BE A
PLEASURE,
MISS TEENA!



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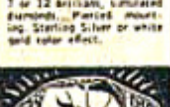
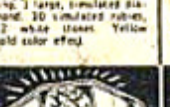
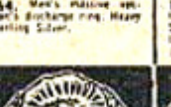
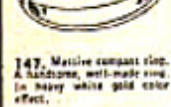
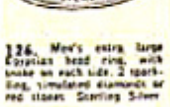
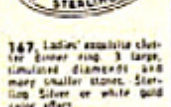
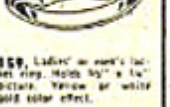
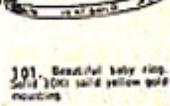
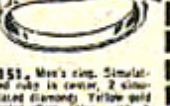
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CARGO FROM MARS

HER *BLINDNESS* IS THE ONLY THING THAT CAN SAVE ME! IF I CAN ONLY MAKE HER UNDERSTAND!



EARTH'S IMMIGRATION BUREAU WAS WORRIED! MYSTERIOUS THINGS WERE HAPPENING AT THE NORTH POLE BEACON LIGHTHOUSE! GEORGE LA GRANGE RISKED HIS LIFE TO PROBE THE MYSTERY OF THE BLIND EARTH-GIRL AND HER MURDEROUS COMPANIONS WHO WERE ENGAGED IN THE WEIRD INTER-PLANETARY TRAFFIC OF...

CARGO FROM MARS!

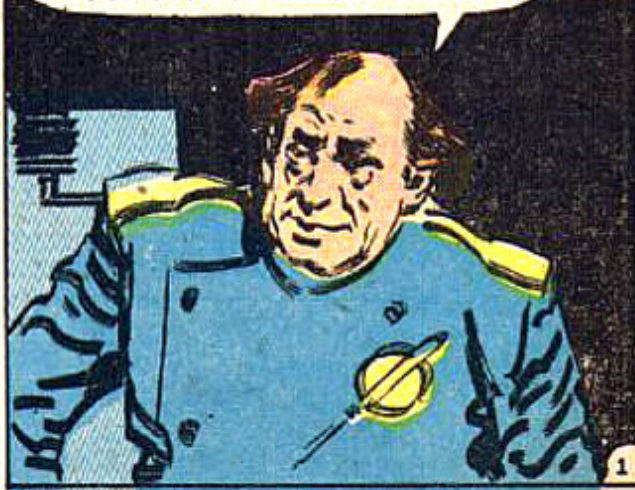
IN THE OFFICE OF EARTH'S IMMIGRATION BUREAU, IN GREAT-NEW YORK...

SOMETHING QUEER IS GOING ON AT THE NORTH POLE LIGHTHOUSE!

QUEER, CHIEF? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



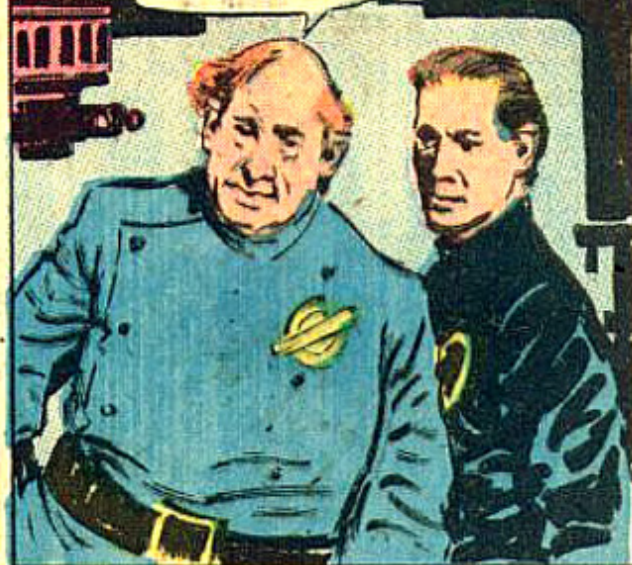
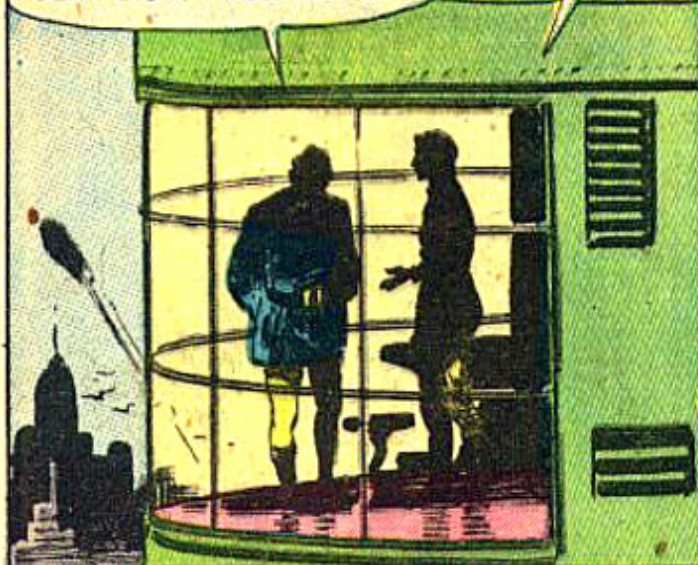
JAKOBY, THE LIGHT-KEEPER, ASSOCIATES WITH A FELLOW NAMED ROLLINS... A MAN WITH A CRIMINAL RECORD! ROLLINS LIVES AT CAPE YUSKIN, SIBERIA! HE HAS A SMALL SPACE-SHIP... AND WHAT HE DOES WITH IT NOBODY KNOWS!



JAKOBY RECENTLY QUARRELED WITH HIS ASSISTANTS AND FIRED THEM! SO NOW HE'S AT THE POLAR LIGHTHOUSE ALONE!

SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD SET-UP FOR CRIME!

I WANT YOU TO GO THE LIGHTHOUSE. DISGUISES WILL REMOVE YOUR TATTOOED ARM SIGNATURE-- AND PUT ANOTHER NAME THERE!



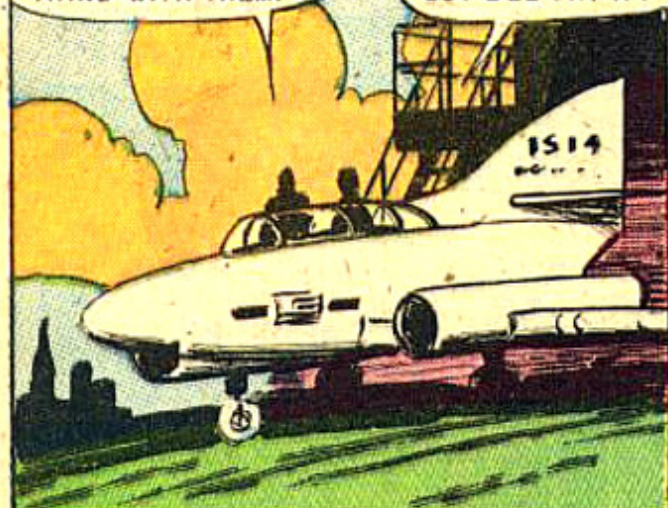
MAKE JAKOBY THINK YOU'RE ONE OF ROLLINS' MEN! YOU'LL HAVE TO BE VAGUE-- JUST HINTING YOU'RE IN THE THING WITH THEM!

CHIEF, I CAN THINK OF A MILLION THINGS THAT CAN GO WRONG, BUT I'LL TRY IT!

AND AT THE BUREAU OF DISGUISES...

MAKE THE FORGED ARM SIGNATURE... JAMES BLAIN!

SURE! I'LL GIVE YOU AN ARTIFICIAL EPIDERMIS WITH EVERY PORE SO NATURAL THAT THE SHREWDEST EYES IN THE STRONGEST LIGHT WON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG!



WITHIN A DAY, GEORGE LAGRANGE WAS WINGING NORTHWARD... OUT OVER THE POLAR SEA! AND PRESENTLY...

THE TOP OF THE WORLD! THAT BEAM, LIKE A CONTINUATION OF THE EARTH'S AXIS OUT INTO SPACE!

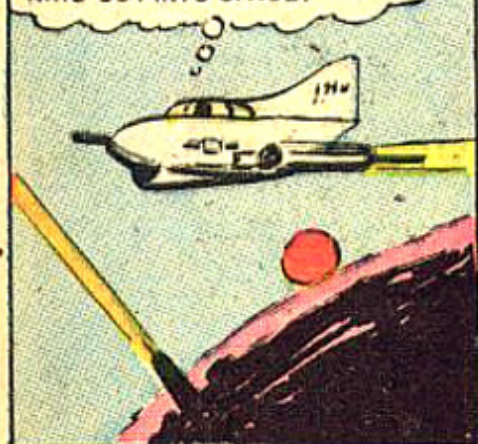
IN A MOMENT JAKOBY HAD CHALLENGED HIM, AND WHEN HE LANDED...

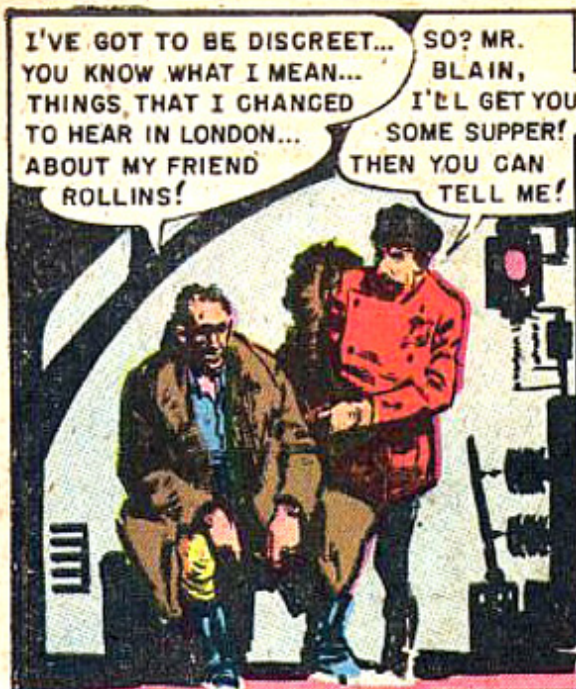
MY NAME'S BLAIN! TRANS-POLAR PLEASURE TRIP!

SO? SHOW ME YOUR ARM SIGNATURE!

MORE THAN A PLEASURE TRIP! I REALLY CAME TO SEE YOU!

SO? ABOUT WHAT?





SHE WAS AN EARTH-GIRL, GLAD IN THE COSTUME OF THE MARTIAN VALLEY-COUNTRY!

YOU SEEM YOUNG... ARE YOU? I HAVE NOT KNOWN MANY YOUNG MEN! MY NAME'S ALISSA--DO YOU LIKE IT?

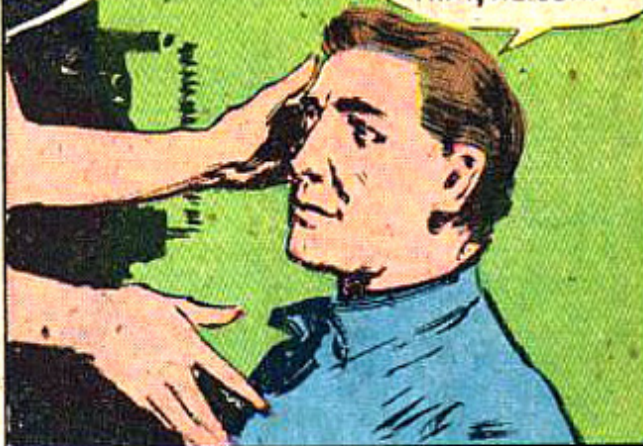
WHY... WHY, YES, VERY MUCH!



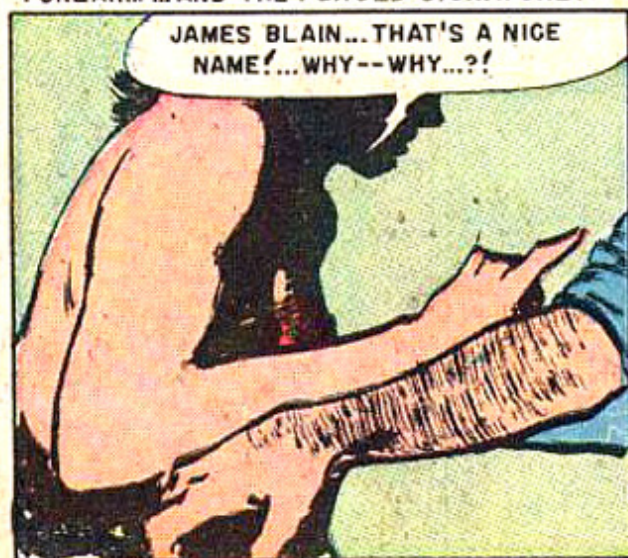
IT SEEMED PATHETIC, THIS BEAUTIFUL GIRL, BLIND! HER HANDS GROPED AT HIM, "SEEING" HIM WITH HER TOUCH!

YOU ARE GOOD-LOOKING... AND SO BIG AND STRONG!

AND YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL! I HOPE YOU KNOW THAT, ALISSA!



HER FINGERTIPS WERE SENSITIVE, FOR ALL HER LIFE THEY HAD BEEN THE EYES OF HER BLINDNESS! NOW THEY WERE BRUSHING HIS FOREARM... AND THE FORGED SIGNATURE!



HER SENSITIVE FINGERTIPS SAW WHAT THE EYE COULD NOT DISCERN... THE FORGED NEW SKIN, THE ARTIFICIAL PORES!

FATHER! HIS ARM-SIGNATURE'S A FORGERY!

WELL DONE, ALISSA!... TOSS UP YOUR HANDS, YOU ROTTEN SPY!





I COULD FEEL HIS REAL SIGNATURE UNDER HIS FORGED ONE! GEORGE LA GRANGE!

I'VE HEARD OF HIM! AGENT OF THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU!

LA GRANGE HAD NO CHANCE!

THIS ALARM-SENDER WILL WARN THE CHIEF! HE'LL SEND PATROLS!

ROLLINS COMES FROM MARS SOON! WE'LL SEE WHAT HE WANTS DONE WITH THIS SPY!

ALISSA AND I WANT TO GET TO GREAT-NEW YORK! WE PAID YOU WELL FOR THIS TRIP, JAKOBY!



AS THEY TALKED, GEORGE LEARNED THE WHOLE PLOT! THEY SMUGGLED HUMANS FROM MARS TO THE EARTH! ALISSA AND HER FATHER WERE FUGITIVES!

AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE BEACON TOWER, ROLLINS' BANDIT SPACE-SHIP WAS LANDING FROM MARS WITH ANOTHER ILLICIT CARGO!



ROLLINS SAID YOU'D ARRANGE TO SMUGGLE US INTO GREAT-NEW YORK!

WE'LL GET YOU THERE, MR. GALT! BUT...NOW... THIS SPY...THE IMMIGRATION BUREAU IS ONTO US...



THE EARTH! THE EARTH! WE'RE HERE!

AND ON THE BANDIT SHIP...OUTLAWS FROM THE BROWN GROTTOS OF MARS, WHOSE INSTINCTS WERE TO PILLAGE AND MURDER! FOR THE MONEY THEY HAD PAID HIM, ROLLINS WAS TURNING THEM LOOSE ON EARTH!

PRESENTLY, ROLLINS WAS, UP IN THE BEACON TOWER ROOM...



THE EARTH! HA-HA! LET US OUT!

TAKE YOUR TIME, YOU GHOULS!



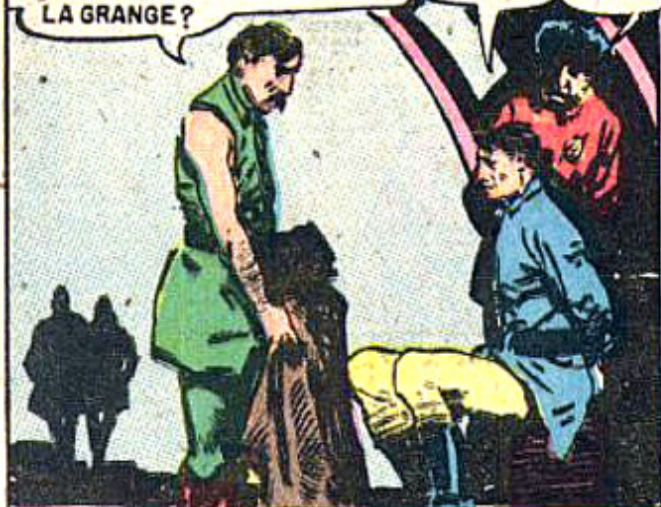
GEORGE LA GRANGE, EH? SPYING ON US! HAH! YOU TOOK YOUR LIFE IN YOUR HANDS, YOUNG FELLOW!

YES, I KNOW!

SUDDENLY THE ASTUTE ROLLINS SAW WHAT JAKOBY HAD NOT NOTICED...

YOU FOOL! HE'S WEARING AN ALARM-SENDER! YOU SENT OUT A DISTRESS CALL, DIDN'T YOU, LA GRANGE?

WHAT DO YOU THINK! WHA--?



SAY YOUR PRAYERS, YOUNG FELLOW! YOU'RE FINISHED!

ROLLINS, PUT THAT GUN DOWN! WE CAN'T BRING MURDER INTO THIS!

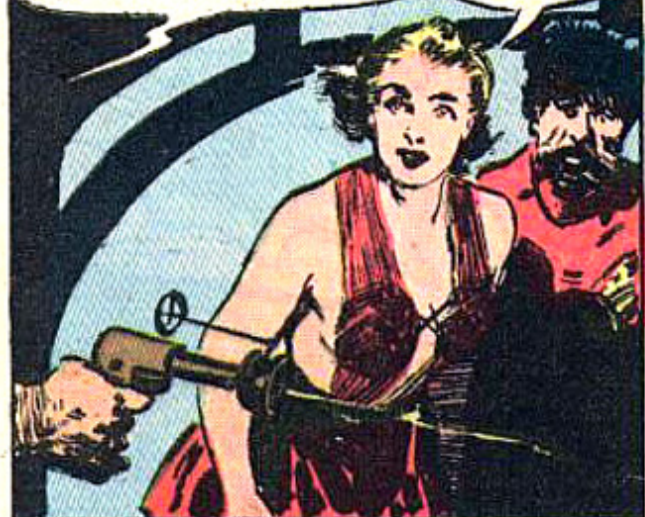
OH--H--H!



IN HIS RAGE, ROLLINS TURNED HIS GUN-MUZZLE, AND...

YOU ASKED FOR IT, GALT! I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU, ANYWAY!

FATHER! FATHER! DEAR!



YEARS AGO, ROBERT GALT HAD COMMITTED A CRIME, AND ESCAPED TO MARS WITH HIS BLIND INFANT DAUGHTER! NOW HE WAS TRYING TO GET ALISSA TO A GREATER-NEW YORK SURGEON, WHO MIGHT GIVE HER SIGHT!

TRY TO GET TO DR. BLOCK, ALISSA! I... I... ALISSA... GOODBYE, LITTLE DAUGHTER!

FATHER... FATHER... DEAR!



AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT...

HE'S DEAD! NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN, LA GRANGE!

ALISSA, QUICK! PULL THE LIGHT SWITCH!

YES, I KNOW WHERE IT IS!



IN THE SUDDEN BLACKNESS, ONLY THE BLIND GIRL KNEW HER WAY AROUND THE FAMILIAR ROOM...

NOW, QUICK, ALISSA! UNTIE ME!

YES! YES!

HEY-- WHA--?



AND AS THE LIGHT FLASHED ON...

NOW THINGS ARE A LITTLE
MORE EVEN, YOU CUT-
THROATS!



YOU FIRST,
JAKOBY!

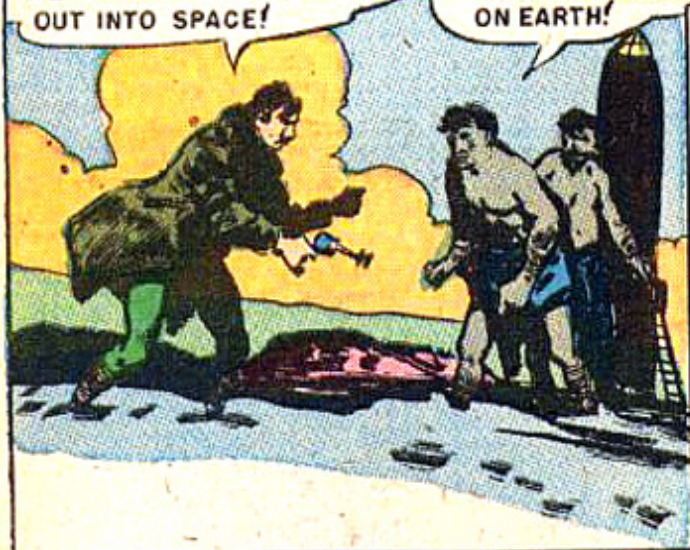
PATROL SHIPS FROM
GREENLAND CAN GET
HERE AT ANY MOMENT!
I BETTER GET GOING!



AND AS ROLLINS RUSHED TO HIS SPACE-SHIP...

GET BACK INSIDE, YOU THUGS!
PATROL SHIPS ARE COMING...
WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK
OUT INTO SPACE!

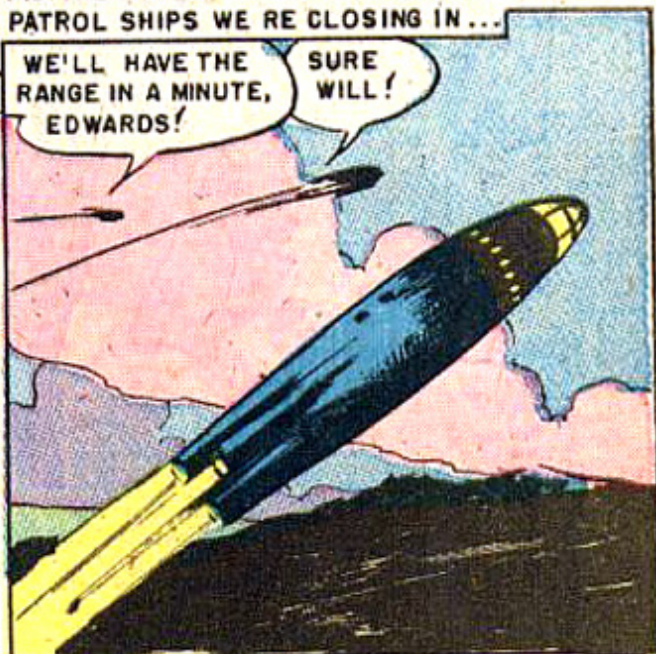
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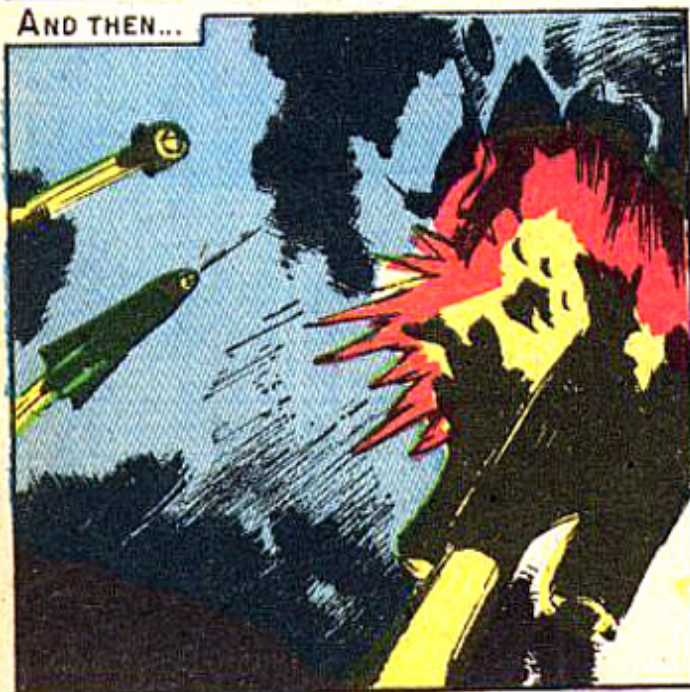
AS THE BANDIT SPACE-SHIP MOUNTED, THE
PATROL SHIPS WE'RE CLOSING IN...

WE'LL HAVE THE
RANGE IN A MINUTE,
EDWARDS!

SURE
WILL!



AND THEN...



WHILE UP IN THE BEACON TOWER ROOM...

THE PATROL SHIPS HAVE COME, ALISSA,
DEAR! AND I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO
THAT EYE SURGEON...AND HE'LL CURE YOU...
I KNOW HE WILL!



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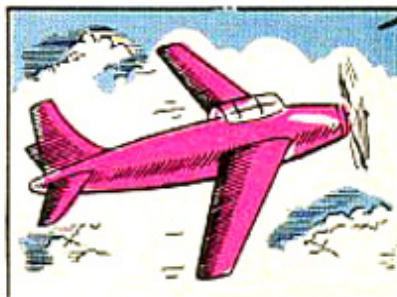
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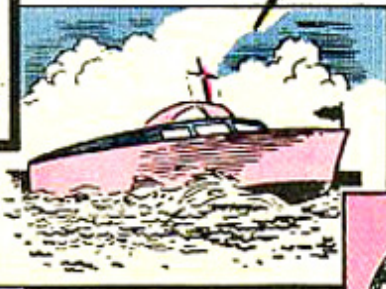


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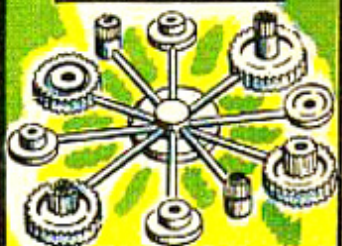
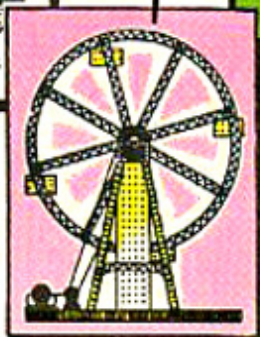
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